

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned and Frozen Vegetables, Canned, Dried, and Frozen Fruit and Dry Edible Beans

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase canned and frozen vegetables, canned, dried, and frozen fruit and dry edible beans for donation to the Child Nutrition Programs and other Domestic Food Assistance Programs in fiscal year 2008, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of August 1, 2008 through December 30, 2008.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Canned Mixed Fruit	6/#10	B	186,960
Canned Pears, Diced	6/#10	B	115,824
Canned Pears, Halves	6/#10	B	36,480
Canned Pears, Sliced	6/#10	B	72,960
Canned Peaches, Clingstone Slice	6/#10	B	229,824
Canned Peaches, Clingstone Dice	6/#10	B	192,026
Canned Apple Slices	6/#10	B	63,840
Canned Applesauce	6/#10	B	210,538
Canned Cranberry Sauce	6/#10	B	7,776
Canned Apricots	24/300	B	32,400
Canned Green Beans	6/#10	B	216,635
Canned Corn, Liquid	6/#10	B	179,657
Canned Carrots	6/#10	A	51,819
Canned Sweet Potatoes	6/#10	A	21,888
Canned Sweet Potatoes, Mashed	6/#10	A	8,208
Canned Salsa	6/#10	Per C.I.D.	99,408
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	6/#10	Per C.I.D.	107,251
Canned Tomato Paste	6/#10	A	33,744
Canned Tomato Sauce	6/#10	A	41,952
Canned Tomatoes, Diced	6/#10	B	56,544

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Tomato Paste, Drums	55 gallon	A	1,584
Tomato Paste, Bulk	Totes	A	826
Frozen Peas	30 lb.	B	64,680
Frozen Green Beans	30 lb.	B	51,480
Frozen Carrots	30 lb.	A	42,240
Frozen Sweet Potatoes	6/5 lb.	A	3,960
Frozen Sweet Potatoes, Mashed	6/5 lb.	A	6,600
Frozen Corn	30 lb.	B	117,480
Frozen Corn Cob	96 ears	A	64,680
Frozen Peaches, Freestone, Diced	96/4.4 oz	B	177,800
Frozen Peaches, Freestone, Sliced	20 lb.	B	17,100
Raisins	144/1.33 oz.	B	56,316
Raisins	30 lb.	B	1,380
Raisins	24/15 oz	B	1,728
Dry Pinto Beans	12/2 lb	No. 1	304,080

Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts to be awarded. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment that may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 1406 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.